

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 18 to 25 have been formulated and amended carefully to express the invention described in the specification and illustrated in the drawings more particularly pointing out and more distinctly claiming the invention. The amendments to the claims respond to the objections to the drawings and under Sec. 112, and no drawing correction is necessary. Special care was taken to be sure that the amended claims complied in all material respects with the requirements of 35 USC Sec. 112.

To this end, the structural limitations recited in claims 18 to 23 are expressed in terms of an improvement to known prior art constructions for a fluid reservoir for a paint spray gun comprised of a receptacle and a lid that can be placed thereon, wherein the lid has provision for placing the fluid reservoir on the paint spray gun or an adapter and wherein the receptacle has a ventilation port provided for pressure equalization that can be opened and closed by means of a valve. The structural limitations recited in claims 24 and 25 are expressed in terms of a kit. The improvement and essential novelty of the invention (claims 18 to 25 as amended) concerns the use of a double seat valve with two valve seats one after the other in the direction of flow and separated from one another. The claims are explicit with respect to this structure.

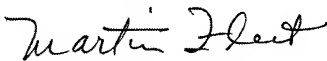
One point that needs to be stressed is that the cap is always clear of the top end of the hollow cylinder regardless of whether the two valve seats are open or tightly sealed closed. Thus, the ventilation flow path is continuous and unbroken at all times. Accordingly, if there is fluid leakage from the first valve seat because of a defect in the tight seal, the leakage will flow into the interstitial space between the support part and the hollow cylinder, and will continue to flow over the top of the hollow cylinder and into the annular space between the hollow cylinder and the internal surface of the hollow cylindrical base body because the cap always has a clearance with the open hollow cylinder. The second valve seat at the lower area of the exterior surface of the hollow cylinder coacting with the portion of the hollow cylindrical base body remote from said

cap provides a back-up tight seal to secure any leakage of liquid through the first valve seat. This structure is novel and unobvious over the prior art cited during prosecution of this application. As amended claims 18 to 25 of the application now presented patentably distinguish from the art cited of record, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that amended claims 18 to 25 presented by this Response to the Official Action be accepted as placing the application in condition for issue.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time, time sufficient, to effect a timely response, and shortages in this or other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7400-X06-163).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Fleit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "F".

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